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NOTES FROM LOCAL BRANCHES

CHICAGO.—At a meeting of the Chicago Local Branch held May 15th the following matters of interest were brought up. In response to the question, what action if any was desirable in certain specific cases recently brought to the attention of the Committee on Academic Freedom and complicated by the present war situation, it was

Voted, that it be the sense of the local branch (1) that the Committee on Academic Freedom follow up with care the specific cases recently brought to its notice, giving special attention to the necessity of eliminating enemy propaganda.

(2) That the Committee on Academic Freedom be given assurance that it has the backing of the Association in protesting against the discharge of professors without warning, without statement of cause, and without their being heard in their own defense.

The following officers were elected for the year 1918: Chairman, H. W. Prescott; Secretary-Treasurer, E. J. Wilczynski.

HAMLIN.—Prof. Gregory D. Walcott, who has been on leave of absence during 1917–1918 for the purpose of establishing a department of Psychology in the Tsing Hua College, Peking, China, will soon return to this country.

IOWA.—The local branch has unanimously adopted a resolution in regard to Academic Freedom, approving the definition formulated by President Lowell of Harvard, and published in the February–March BULLETIN.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Upon the retirement of President McVey from the University of North Dakota last September, the first act of the Board of Regents looking toward the selection of a successor was the appointment of a Presidential Committee, consisting of a subcommittee of their own body and a representative committee from the faculty. It was to be the function of this Committee to study and consider the desirability and the availability of men anywhere who might be thought of for the presidency, and finally to present a report to the Board. In practice it worked out that the faculty committee conducted a great deal of correspondence, met many times as a separate committee and several times with the subcommittee of the Board, and later with the whole Board, considered a great many suggestions, and finally presented to the Board a small list of names

with the available data. It was recommended that the Board take up the definite consideration and choice of a president from this group, and this was done.

OHIO.—The death is reported of Charles A. Bruce, of the Department of Romance Languages, Ohio State University, from pneumonia, contracted while conducting classes in French among the soldiers at Camp Sherman.

PITTSBURGH.—The local branch reports that meetings are held on the last Friday of each month. The following topics have been discussed during the year: "The Place and Function of the Faculty in University Government and Administration," "Co-operation between Faculty and Trustees," "A Proposed Constitution for Faculty and Council for University Administration," "Academic Freedom in Wartime." One member has introduced the topic and led the discussion at each meeting. An interesting discussion followed on all occasions.

PURDUE.—The local branch reports the unanimous adoption of the following resolution:

Impressed by the achievements of the peoples of Latin America in politics, literature, art and industry; and feeling that the history, the culture and the institutions of the Latin-American republics deserve more careful study by the people of North America; and convinced that such a study would more closely unite in sympathy and interest the peoples of the two continents to their mutual advantage; the Purdue Branch of the American Association of University Professors desires to express its hearty approval of the present movement looking toward (a) the establishment by North-American institutions of learning of adequate courses for the study of the language, the literature, and the political and economic history of Latin America; (b) the foundation of scholarships for Latin-American students; and (c) the exchange of professors between universities of North and South America.

The branch has also unanimously endorsed the report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, and especially the report of the Committee on Academic Freedom in Wartime.

UNION.—At a meeting of the members of the American Association of University Professors resident at Union College, held May 10, 1918, a local branch of the Association was formed of the members listed on page 39 of the January BULLETIN.

Dean B. H. Ripton was elected Chairman, and Professor King, Secretary.

WELLESLEY.—At a meeting of the Wellesley Branch of the American Association of University Professors on April 25, 1918, the following motions were passed and the secretary was directed to send them to Miss Moody, as a member of the central Committee on Patriotic Service, to be transmitted to the chairman of that Committee with the request that they be published in the next BULLETIN of the Association.

1. The Wellesley Branch of the American Association of University Professors approves the adoption of some form of national compulsory military service, both now and as long as it may be necessary after the war. (Ayes, 11; noes, 3; not voting, 2.)

2. The Branch is of the opinion that the Association, through the Committee on Patriotic Service, can and should be of help in formulating a national policy of compulsory service. (Ayes, 12, not voting, 4.)

3. The Branch is also of the opinion that any policy of national service should include the organized service of women. (Carried unanimously.)

The following officers were elected for the year 1918-19: Chairman, A. B. Hawes; Vice-Chairman, C. B. Thompson; Secretary-Treasurer, H. A. Merrill; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, A. O. Norton. The Wellesley Branch has held six meetings during the past year, the chief topic of discussion being the forms of patriotic service which might, or should be, engaged in by the Branch or the Association.